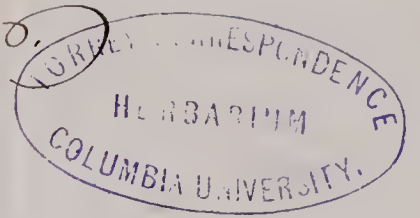


Recd. Apr. 26th 837

Jaffna, 19th 1836.



My Dear Sir

I have not forgotten your request for insects, &c. — I have once or twice engaged some one or two of the natives to procure them for me, but none have ever come. Whether it results from a better theology on this point, I am not able to say, true it is however, that there is nothing to hurt or destroy in all their holy mountains. No money that I have offered hitherto, has over come their reluctance to take away life. What else could I expect after having practical demonstration that even the life of one of the most venomous serpents is so venerated that when exposed they will noose the Cobra and drag him away to the wilderness & let him escape! — I may however after a longer acquaintance be enabled to accomplish something. I have not such sanguine hopes as I had

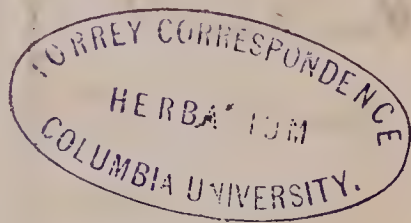
When I left America. for the older mis-
sionaries, then either from passion of other
engagements, or from disimpathy with the
natives, or perhaps from both. an ento-
mologists - Even Hutton, if not Senfu-
lous is a little reluctant. Now if you
can give me for the natives a satisfac-
tory reason, perhaps by the time I have
been on the Coast five years, I may
send you some specimens

The Mohammandan and an bird catch-
ers & the coast men of the lowest
cast sometimes bring us shells - I think
I may get of these. As for Mineralogic-
al & other specimens, the peninsula is
very much made up of Iron & sand
and in its fruitless, unproductive wastes much
resembles the more barren parts of the coun-
try on the Phil^d of Trenton Rail R^d Route.
The regions of the plains 20 or 30 miles from
the foot of the mountains. & some of the in-
tervening valleys is very fertile. The soil

is generally silicious & colored very much with
red oxide. Some quartz specimens, but none
that I have yet seen equal in beauty those of
Rensselaer Co. & Herkimer Co. N.Y., or the
varieties of the Green Mts. Vt. - From their
locality I presume they will be interesting
& I shall endeavor to forward if I hear from
you. The geological structure of Jaffree
you may perhaps learn from a stone
or two which I have sent to the
Missionary rooms. - I have seen Adams
bridge, & if I were to hazard the opinion of a novice
I should say it is altogether of volcanic origin. -
is not basaltic like the Palisades, but of immense
lamellar masses, shells, pebbles & imbed-
ded - The coast for miles is of the same char-
acter. - The furious winds, as they sweep over
the extended sand plains, pile up vast
hills of sand, and impede cultivation
very much - in many places for miles the sand is
10 or 12 inches deep & in others for furlongs, it is 40 or 50
feet deep, - still there is room & resource for twice or
thrice the amount of population which now covers

this end of the Earth. Any suggestions or aid which
You can render us to fill this "end of the earth
with the Light of Science, & the Glory of the
Lord, will be most thankfully rec^d by Your
Friend & fellow laborer in the better of all
causes— J. Lawrence

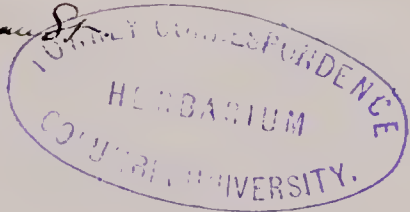
Dr. J. P. Torrey M.D. &c.
New York



P.S. A good of the Seminary. has just brought a few specimens
of leaves which I forward. — Also vial of scarlet bug ^{after ovis} very abundant

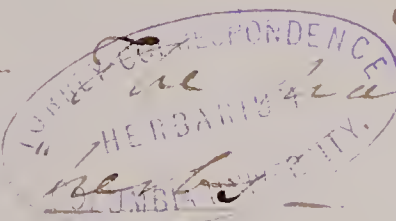
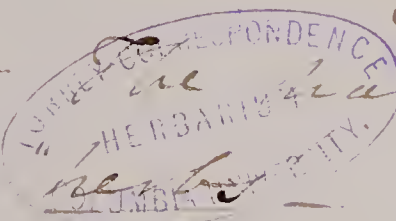
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Rec. Aug. 11th. - Sent to my house
during my absence by Mr. Charles Hall

150 Nassau Street



My Dear Sir

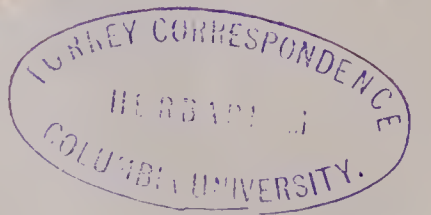
Excuse this very indifferent
and small collection, the work of an hour
or two - It was rather an experiment. And I
find it practicable, you may expect some
thing more extensive. I hope better preserved
I showed these to Mrs. Brand, & at her recom-
mendation, send them to you, tho' I beg you
will not judge of my worth by the collection
A few days ago I sent up a few specimens of
Crystals of Lime, which are now in Ma-
dame's & will probably reach you at the
same time with this - There is a fine speci-
men of a collection of Crystals forming a
lot of single Crystals in the iron box
sent to Mr. Hall, which he will hand you
The general character of the Country here is
primitive, rock chiefly granite, - earth
often highly colored for whole towns together
with iron, besides which there are many new
mines -

The Mountain in our neighborhood offers a
very interesting field, for botanical research
but I have never found leisure to gratify my
curiosity by rambling amongst its re-
treats as I yet hope to - The Shants are
near and - The celebrated Bilgheries also
and if an enterprising American naturalist
it could come & spend a year or two here
I should hope for more good than from all
the much talked of projects of the Romish
priests & scientific men about to settle
here - Besides there might be a direct
moral effect -  The natives have much
confidence in  - One to whom the
medical virtues of plants are ascribed
might get a wonderful ascendancy over
the native mind, & by a good man do lasting
good - So indeed may any good physician

We very much need such a person in
Dindigul, & if you could recommend such a
man to the Board of Commissioners you
would do not only the nation but the
mission families here, now 40 miles removed

from a Medical Adviser, a natural favor
we will learn all important
missions, intelligence from "Sister Jane"
a dearly beloved Mother in the midst of all
causes - So that I need only to sub-
scribe myself
Yours with kindest
Christian regards

Trinidad, 24th June 1839 J. Lawrence



(Missionary in India)



Dr John C. May.
New York



My Dear Dr. Torrey
You doubtless recollect
meeting me in the Missionary room N.Y.
in May 1835. - & sending home a book by me
to Hutchins, & asking me to send you plants
&c. I have never forgotten your cheerful
face & voice, nor yet your request. & am
now truly glad to get the birds, my much
loved companions in the good work, & I may
say in tribulation too, to take charge of a
Collection of the plants of S. India
made by W. Elliot Esq. of the Madras
Civil Service, & presented to me some
months since - Should you find them
worth acknowledgment, I shall be glad
to have you send a word of the kind to
Mr Elliot. - I regret much I have
had no time to attach what few names
I could make out, but as you will receive
rather as a collection, than an arranged
herbarium, & as you doubtless will know
most of the plants. Its value will not be
so much lessened with you.

I have tied up a small collec-
tion of my own, in newspapers, & enclose
it with the others, which I will thank
you to send my Nephew Chas. Hall
Care of Rev C. H. of A. H. M. S. - also 2
or 3 of the sticks marked with their names.

Please accept one of the sticks for your-
self, & allow my well remembered & much
loved pastor H. White - also Br. Lidlow
to select after you have taken yours. 'Tis
only a stick - but it may serve to worship
upon, to those who like yourselves are ble-
ssed with faithful & true hearts, & like him
may need even such support. - Give
the others to whom you please. I
think only Br Hall has one, if not I sh^d
like him to get one of these

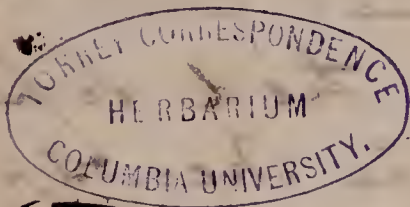
With much respect & affection
with the hands, loved & loving friends
and faithful servants of the Best of
Masters. Receive them in all love
and may your Communion be as
sweet as ours has been

With Mrs L & my own
afft regards to you & yours

I beg to remain
Ever very truly Yours

Dear friend

21st Nov. '45



L. L. Waring

(Missionary in China)